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STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAMS TO RECEIVE \$180 MILLION

More than \$180 million will be made available to fund state fish and wildlife restoration programs this year through the preliminary apportionments of two Federal aid programs administered by the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In announcing the preliminary figures, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel thanked America's hunters and anglers, saying, "Without them, wildlife as we know it today simply would not exist. The comeback of the wild turkey, the wood duck, native brook and cutthroat trout, and many other popular species can be tied directly to restoration work funded through these programs." The programs are financed by hunters and anglers through Federal excise taxes on sporting equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and fishing tackle; import taxes on fishing tackle and pleasure boats; and a percentage of motorboat fuels taxes.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act), signed in 1937, and the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act), signed in 1950, collectively have raised over \$2 billion, all tagged for state fish and wildlife programs such as land acquisition, habitat improvement, research, and education.

The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1989 is \$67,500,000. This money comes from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment is available for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1989 totals \$112,800,300. This money comes from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionments for fiscal year 1989. The final apportionment will be announced in the spring of 1989.

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989

| | BASE FUNDS | EXPANDED FUNDS | TOTAL |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| ALABAMA | 683,487 | 1,215,461 | 1,898,948 |
| ALASKA | 2,030,000 | 3,610,000 | 5,640,000 |
| ARIZONA | 875,122 | 1,556,252 | 2,431,374 |
| ARKANSAS | 705,814 | 1,255,168 | 1,960,982 |
| CALIFORNIA | 2,030,000 | 3,610,000 | 5,640,000 |
| COLORADO | 1,012,055 | 1,799,762 | 2,811,817 |
| CONNECTICUT | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| DELAWARE | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| FLORIDA | 883,271 | 1,570,744 | 2,454,015 |
| GEORGIA | 810,748 | 1,441,774 | 2,252,522 |
| HAWAII | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| IDAHO | 689,420 | 1,226,013 | 1,915,433 |
| ILLINOIS | 853,699 | 1,518,154 | 2,371,853 |
| INDIANA | 643,589 | 1,144,510 | 1,788,099 |
| IOWA | 561,452 | 998,444 | 1,559,896 |
| KANSAS | 592,724 | 1,054,056 | 1,646,780 |
| KENTUCKY | 647,958 | 1,152,280 | 1,800,238 |
| LOUISIANA | 643,258 | 1,143,921 | 1,787,179 |
| MAINE | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| MARYLAND | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| MICHIGAN | 1,575,741 | 2,802,180 | 4,377,921 |
| MINNESOTA | 1,456,430 | 2,590,005 | 4,046,435 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 566,062 | 1,006,642 | 1,572,704 |
| MISSOURI | 1,069,665 | 1,902,212 | 2,971,877 |
| MONTANA | 938,484 | 1,668,929 | 2,607,413 |
| NEBRASKA | 537,865 | 956,499 | 1,494,364 |
| NEVADA | 622,200 | 1,106,474 | 1,728,674 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| NEW JERSEY | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| NEW MEXICO | 740,256 | 1,316,415 | 2,056,671 |
| NEW YORK | 1,059,444 | 1,884,035 | 2,943,479 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 582,742 | 1,036,305 | 1,619,047 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 436,131 | 775,582 | 1,211,713 |
| OHIO | 1,069,540 | 1,901,990 | 2,971,530 |
| OKLAHOMA | 742,428 | 1,320,278 | 2,062,706 |
| OREGON | 995,462 | 1,770,256 | 2,765,718 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,026,444 | 1,825,652 | 2,852,096 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 421,177 | 748,990 | 1,170,167 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 488,049 | 867,909 | 1,355,958 |
| TENNESSEE | 748,187 | 1,330,519 | 2,078,706 |
| TEXAS | 2,030,000 | 3,610,000 | 5,640,000 |
| UTAH | 669,247 | 1,190,138 | 1,859,385 |
| VERMONT | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| VIRGINIA | 643,746 | 1,144,790 | 1,788,536 |
| WASHINGTON | 934,686 | 1,662,176 | 2,596,862 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| WISCONSIN | 1,413,733 | 2,514,077 | 3,927,810 |
| WYOMING | 621,019 | 1,104,373 | 1,725,392 |
| PUERTO RICO | 406,000 | 722,000 | 1,128,000 |
| GUAM | 135,333 | 240,667 | 376,000 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 135,333 | 240,667 | 376,000 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 135,333 | 240,667 | 376,000 |
| MARIANA ISLANDS | 135,333 | 240,667 | 376,000 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 135,333 | 240,667 | 376,000 |
| TOTAL | 40,600,000 | 72,200,300 | 112,800,300 |

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF
FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1989

| | WILDLIFE RESTORATION | HUNTER EDUCATION | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| ALABAMA | 948,229 | 278,328 | 1,226,557 |
| ALASKA | 2,790,000 | 117,000 | 2,907,000 |
| ARIZONA | 1,316,021 | 194,459 | 1,510,480 |
| ARKANSAS | 1,006,753 | 163,525 | 1,170,278 |
| CALIFORNIA | 2,171,603 | 351,000 | 2,522,603 |
| COLORADO | 1,444,080 | 206,692 | 1,650,772 |
| CONNECTICUT | 279,000 | 222,343 | 501,343 |
| DELAWARE | 279,000 | 117,000 | 396,000 |
| FLORIDA | 910,413 | 351,000 | 1,261,413 |
| GEORGIA | 1,215,668 | 351,000 | 1,566,668 |
| HAWAII | 279,000 | 117,000 | 396,000 |
| IDAHO | 1,149,857 | 117,000 | 1,266,857 |
| ILLINOIS | 1,034,865 | 351,000 | 1,385,865 |
| INDIANA | 809,697 | 351,000 | 1,160,697 |
| IOWA | 903,552 | 208,449 | 1,112,001 |
| KANSAS | 1,075,153 | 169,084 | 1,244,237 |
| KENTUCKY | 899,945 | 261,970 | 1,161,915 |
| LOUISIANA | 969,230 | 300,788 | 1,270,018 |
| MAINE | 634,691 | 117,000 | 751,691 |
| MARYLAND | 388,989 | 301,681 | 690,670 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 279,000 | 351,000 | 630,000 |
| MICHIGAN | 2,076,644 | 351,000 | 2,427,644 |
| MINNESOTA | 1,598,928 | 291,714 | 1,890,642 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 915,380 | 180,348 | 1,095,728 |
| MISSOURI | 1,449,027 | 351,000 | 1,800,027 |
| MONTANA | 1,731,332 | 117,000 | 1,848,332 |
| NEBRASKA | 942,566 | 117,000 | 1,059,566 |
| NEVADA | 1,068,971 | 117,000 | 1,185,971 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 279,000 | 117,000 | 396,000 |
| NEW JERSEY | 290,969 | 351,000 | 641,969 |
| NEW MEXICO | 1,315,767 | 117,000 | 1,432,767 |
| NEW YORK | 1,735,743 | 351,000 | 2,086,743 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 1,014,260 | 351,000 | 1,365,260 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 790,637 | 117,000 | 907,637 |
| OHIO | 1,141,710 | 351,000 | 1,492,710 |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,043,003 | 216,453 | 1,259,456 |
| OREGON | 1,441,674 | 188,363 | 1,630,037 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 2,378,838 | 351,000 | 2,729,838 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 279,000 | 117,000 | 396,000 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 571,762 | 223,175 | 794,937 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 921,004 | 117,000 | 1,038,004 |
| TENNESSEE | 1,388,658 | 328,461 | 1,717,119 |
| TEXAS | 2,790,000 | 351,000 | 3,141,000 |
| UTAH | 1,121,799 | 117,000 | 1,238,799 |
| VERMONT | 279,000 | 117,000 | 396,000 |
| VIRGINIA | 1,162,730 | 351,000 | 1,513,730 |
| WASHINGTON | 1,048,686 | 295,507 | 1,344,193 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 748,131 | 117,000 | 865,131 |
| WISCONSIN | 1,736,196 | 336,660 | 2,072,856 |
| WYOMING | 1,102,839 | 117,000 | 1,219,839 |
| PUERTO RICO | 279,000 | | 279,000 |
| GUAM | 93,000 | 19,500 | 112,500 |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 93,000 | 19,500 | 112,500 |
| AMERICAN SAMOA | 93,000 | 19,500 | 112,500 |
| MARIANA ISLANDS | 93,000 | 19,500 | 112,500 |
| TOTAL | 55,800,000 | 11,700,000 | 67,500,000 |